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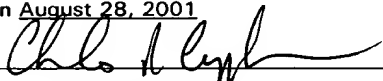
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In re Patent Application of:

Inventor: William F. Leek  
15 Title: AUTOMATIC TAKE-UP DEVICE WITH INTERNAL SPRING  
Serial No.: 09/729,491  
Filed: December 3, 2000  
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20 Docket No.: SST/1035

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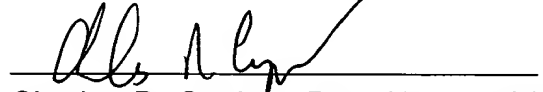
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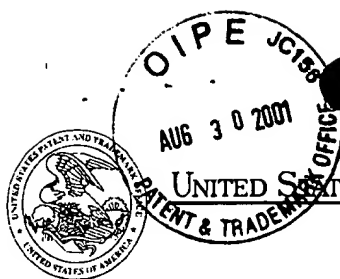
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## Applicant(s)

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## Title

Automatic take-up device with internal spring

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In re Application of  
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) filed January 3, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 3, 2000, instead of the presently accorded date of December 4, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in "Express Mail" service with the U. S. Postal Service, on December 3, 2000. In support, petitioners provided a copy of the Express Mail label, receipt no. EL668416864US, showing a Date-In of December 3, 2000. The same Express Mail receipt number was referred to in the copy of the original Application Transmittal Letter submitted with the instant petition. Petitioner requests that the application be accorded a filing date of December 3, 2000.

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The petition is granted. Since the petition was a result of PTO error, the \$130.00 petition fee is being refunded to counsel's deposit account.

The application is being returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to December 3, 2000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

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